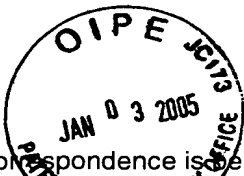


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Applicant : Rolf Brück et al.
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R E S P O N S E

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 23, 2004, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants provisionally elect group I, claims 1-24, for prosecution at this time, with traverse.

Applicants request a rejoinder under MPEP §821.04.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 1-24 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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